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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Memorial Service for  
Retired Westminster City Manager and Retired Chief of Police  
James Mitchell “Mitch” Waller**

Date of Services: Wednesday July 10, 2013 at 1:00PM  
Church Location: Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa  
3800 S Fairview St, Santa Ana Ca 92704  
(714) 979-4422

The City of Westminster and the Westminster Police Department announce the upcoming memorial service for James “Mitch” Waller from Mission Viejo. The service will be held at the Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa located in Santa Ana on July 10, 2013 at 1:00pm. The service will be open to the public.

Mitch Waller was killed on June 28<sup>th</sup> after being struck by a vehicle as he rode his bicycle on Laguna Canyon Road. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Mitch Waller was a popular, long time employee of the City of Westminster. He joined the Westminster Police Department in 1984 as a probationary police officer and rose through the ranks, working a number of assignments as a motor officer, narcotics investigator, SWAT officer and later SWAT Commander. He promoted through the ranks from sergeant, lieutenant to Captain where he served until he reached the pinnacle of his law enforcement career when selected as Police Chief in 2009. Waller was instrumental with the planning and construction of the Westminster Police Department’s new police building. In 2011, Mitch Waller assumed the position of City Manager until his retirement in 2012. He is survived by his wife Sally Waller and their two children.

A memorial website has been established by the Waller family for condolences and includes a webpage for those who wish to make a donation to the Waller family. The website can be accessed at: <http://www.imorial.com/MitchWaller/>

<http://www.westminster-ca.gov/depts/police/>